

DATES OF PUBLICATION OF AUSTRALIAN PHARMACY JOURNALS IN CONNECTION WITH TAXONOMY

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Pharmacists today rely very little on plants as a source of their medicinal drugs, but this was not the case last century, when botanists and pharmacists had a common interest in plants with medicinal properties. Ferdinand Mueller, Government Botanist in Victoria from 1853 to 1896, was one such botanist, and some of his new species were described in the various pharmacy journals published in that period. These journals are consequently of importance to present day plant taxonomists but the similarity of their titles has led to much confusion and they have frequently been misquoted in literature. Van Steenis (1950) brought welcome clarity to the situation although his paper lacked some details. The present author has examined the journals in the library of the Victorian College of Pharmacy, Melbourne, where complete sets are held, and has written this paper in order to provide further clarity.

The first Australian pharmacy journal of concern to taxonomists is *Quarterly Journal and Transactions of the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria*. Only volumes 1 and 2 were issued, between 1858 and 1860. The next journal was *The Chemist and Druggist. With Australasian Supplement*, which commenced publication in 1878. It has sometimes been referred to as *Victorian Chemist and Druggist*, and *Melbourne Chemist and Druggist*. The history of this and the succeeding journals is given in van Steenis, as well as Anon. (1885), Anon. (1886), and Anon. (1934), to which reference should be made for details not included here. In volume 5, number 60, dated April 1883, the title was changed to *The Australasian Chemist and Druggist*. Volume numbers and part numbers continued on from the previous sequence. In 1886 it was re-titled *The Australasian Journal of Pharmacy*, the volume numbers recommencing at 1, and in 1972 its title was changed once more, this time to *The Australian Journal of Pharmacy*, which is still in publication. Van Steenis wrongly stated that the latter journal began in 1883. He was apparently referring to *The Australasian Chemist and Druggist*.

Another journal commenced in 1886, called *The Chemist and Druggist of Australasia*, which van Steenis wrongly recorded as still being published. Its title was changed in 1908 to *The Chemist and Druggist and Pharmacist of Australasia*, without any change in the sequence of the volume numbers. In 1934 it was merged with *The Australasian Journal of Pharmacy*.

These journals are listed below, together with *The Chemist and Druggist. London*, which has been confused with the Australian journals. Details concerning dates of publication are given only for those issues which contain articles of taxonomic importance. These issues were examined for reports of dated events, such as meetings, births and deaths, from which it was possible to establish a date after which each was published, but not a date before which it was published. To ascertain the latter it would be necessary to obtain corroborating evidence from other sources. Nevertheless it seems that generally each issue was published on or close to the date given on it, except for regular discrepancies in *The Chemist and Druggist. With Australasian Supplement*, q.v. below.

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Quarterly Journal and Transactions of the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria. Melbourne. v. 1—v. 2 (1858-59/60).

Eight parts, published at irregular intervals.

vol.	no.	pp.	dated	published after
2	5	1-56	1 April 1859	10 March 1859
2	6	57-100	1 July 1859	6 June 1859

The Chemist and Druggist. London. v. 1 (1859)+.

The Chemist and Druggist. With Australasian Supplement. Melbourne. v. 1—v. 5, no. 59 (1878/79-83).

Issued monthly, at first on the arrival of the English mail, then in volume 1 number 9 it was stated that the journal would henceforth be published on the fifteenth of each month. Each part bears the month as well as the year of publication, but there is ample evidence from the notices of events reported in the journal that the parts were issued at times other than the fifteenth of the month and often in the month following that printed on the cover. With the publication of volume 4 number 42 in October 1881 the journal began to appear regularly and the parts henceforth were issued in the month named on the cover, on or close to the fifteenth of the month.

vol.	no.	pp.	dated	published after
3	35	81-88	March 1881	7 April 1881
4	40	25-32	Aug. 1881	9 Sept. 1881
4	42	41-48	Oct. 1881	12 Oct. 1881
4	43	49-56	Nov. 1881	16 Nov. 1881
4	45	65-72	Jan. 1882	12 Jan. 1882
4	46	73-80	Feb. 1882	15 Feb. 1882
4	47	81-88	March 1882	13 March 1882
4	48	89-96	April 1882	5 April 1882
5	50	9-20	June 1882	9 June 1882
5	51	21-28	July 1882	13 July 1882
5	52	29-36	Aug. 1882	10 Aug. 1882
5	54	45-52	Oct. 1882	19 Oct. 1882
5	55	53-60	Nov. 1882	15 Nov. 1882
5	56	61-68	Dec. 1882	13 Dec. 1882
5	57	69-76	Jan. 1883	12 Jan. 1883
5	58	77-90	Feb. 1883	14 Feb. 1883
5	59	91-98	March 1883	14 March 1883

The Australasian Chemist and Druggist. Melbourne. v. 5, no. 60—v. 8 (1883-85).
Published on or close to the fifteenth of each month, as stated on the title pages.

vol.	no.	pp.	dated	published after
6	61	1-8	May 1883	9 May 1883
6	63	19-26	July 1883	10 July 1883
6	64	27-34	Aug. 1883	9 Aug. 1883
6	66	43-50	Oct. 1883	10 Oct. 1883
6	67	51-58	Nov. 1883	11 Nov. 1883
6	69	67-74	Jan. 1884	15 Jan. 1884
6	70	75-82	Feb. 1884	6 Feb. 1884
6	72	93-100	April 1884	13 April 1884
7	74	9-16	June 1884	8 June 1884
7	78	43-50	Oct. 1884	9 Oct. 1884
7	80	59-66	Dec. 1884	5 Dec. 1884
7	81	67-74	Jan. 1885	15 Jan. 1885
7	82	75-82	Feb. 1885	11 Feb. 1885
7	84	91-98	April 1885	12 April 1885
8	86	9-18	June 1885	10 June 1885
8	89	37-44	Sept. 1885	10 Sept. 1885
8	90	45-52	Oct. 1885	14 Oct. 1885

The Australasian Journal of Pharmacy. Melbourne. v. 1—v. 34 (1886-1919), n.s., v. 1—v. 52 (1920-71).

Published on or close to the twentieth of each month, as stated on the title pages.

vol.	no.	pp.	dated	published after
1	2	45-80	Feb. 1886	16 Feb. 1886
1	3	81-122	March 1886	14 March 1886
1	4	123-160	April 1886	14 April 1886
1	6	199-238	June 1886	12 June 1886
1	7	239-274	July 1886	14 July 1886
1	8	275-318	Aug. 1886	13 Aug. 1886
1	9	319-360	Sept. 1886	14 Sept. 1886
1	11	397-444	Nov. 1886	15 Nov. 1886
1	12	445-480	Dec. 1886	14 Dec. 1886
2	13	1-40	Jan. 1887	14 Jan. 1887
2	14	41-80	Feb. 1887	17 Feb. 1887
2	15	81-120	March 1887	16 March 1887
2	16	121-162	April 1887	15 April 1887

The Australian Journal of Pharmacy. Melbourne. v. 53 (1972) +.

The Chemist and Druggist of Australasia. Sydney and Melbourne. v. 1—v. 23 (1886-1908).

Published on or close to the first of each month, as stated on the title pages.

vol.	no.	pp.	dated	published after
2	1	1-26	1 Jan. 1887	20 Dec. 1886
2	2	27-52	1 Feb. 1887	31 Jan. 1887
2	3	53-80	1 March 1887	24 Feb. 1887
2	4	81-114	1 April 1887	27 March 1887
2	5	115-144	1 May 1887	27 April 1887
2	6	145-176	1 June 1887	27 May 1887
10	10	207-230	1 Oct. 1895	27 Sept. 1895
11	10	215-242	1 Oct. 1896	25 Sept. 1896

The Chemist and Druggist and Pharmacist of Australasia. Melbourne. v. 24—v. 49, no. 7 (1909-34).

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